



Happy Holidays



Our 40th Year



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UPDATE

Safeway Townhouse Lease Goes to CVS

The Safeway Townhouse grocery store at 21st & L Streets has lost its lease and will be closing soon, perhaps before Christmas. JBG Enterprises which manages the building has signed a lease with CVS for yet another drug store in the downtown area.

Safeway personnel advised the *News* earlier that during the negotiations they had proffered "generous" lease proposals. The landlord, JBG Enterprises, stated that negotiations had gone on for over 18 months and involved both economic and operating issues, including upgrading of the store. According to Holly Davis of JBG, a final offer was made to Safeway, which did not respond, causing serious discussions with other prospective tenants. Other grocery stores were contacted prior to discussions with CVS which ultimately leased the property.

Safeway's representative, Greg TenEyck, said that the 21st & L location had been profitable and that its 20 employees will have jobs in other stores. He also advised that Safeway continues to look for other lease opportunities at locations nearby.

Nearby residents are bemoaning the loss of their local grocery store, and that the new tenant will be CVS. One resident of Hamilton House has suggested that former customers stay away from Safeway and CVS stores altogether to show their disappointment. In her opinion, both can be faulted, CVS for monopolizing the market, and Safeway for not doing more to stay in that location.

(Ed. Note: A growing concern is that older residents who have relied on that store and who are unable to travel more than a few blocks will need help to manage shopping. Helping with shopping is one service IONA Senior Services supplies, but only with the assistance of volunteers. This is a call for additional persons to help with that service, and also that those needing the help let IONA House know about that need. IONA's number is 966-1055.)

Health & Wellness Decision in December

The Board of Zoning Adjustment held a second hearing October 15 on the proposed health and wellness center GWU wants to build on G Street between 23rd and 24th Streets. The Board announced then that a decision

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Parking & Traffic at November Meeting

Karen G. Benefield will be the speaker at the November meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, scheduled for Monday, November 24, at 7:30 p.m. The location is the Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Benefield is Acting Chief of the Bureau of Traffic Services, and she will bring with her staff members to cover local aspects of the Bureau's

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There's An Election December 2

On Tuesday, December 2, an election will be held in D.C. for an at-large seat on the City Council. The candidates for the seat are:

Arrington Dixon, a Democrat who was named to the seat temporarily;

David Catania, Republican

Phil Heinrich, Democrat
Mary Martin, Socialist Workers Party

The winner will replace Linda Cropp who was named Council Chair; the term will expire January 2, 1999.

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Kickoff Party Earns Rave Reviews

The November 1 party, kicking off FBA's 40th anniversary, was successful beyond all estimates of FBA Treasurer Matt Hall, who planned, worked on, tended bar and socialized at the Saturday afternoon event. Based on "guesstimates" only, the 250 or so was far beyond the number expected. The FBA and the neighborhood thank Matt for his idea and all his hard work.

Held at the Zuki Moon Noodles restaurant, the party was crowded shortly after the opening hour of 1:00 p.m. It remained crowded, with conversation at a high level, for over two hours. Several cooks and waiters were kept busy preparing and serving the special ZMN dishes, which seemed to disappear faster than the cooks were able to replenish with prepared-on-the-spot replacements. Despite the demand, a smile stayed on Chef Mary Richter's face the whole time. Our thanks to the "Top 50 list" restaurateur for her fine hospitality.

Special thanks also to the hard-working FBA Board members who greeted, counted, made nametags, sold memberships and contributed so much to the party's success. The invitation mailing and the event acquainted more residents with the FBA and its activities and resulted in many

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

Speaker:

Karen G. Benefield
Acting Chief
D.C. Bureau of Traffic Services

Monday, November 24, 1997
Wyndham Bristol Hotel
2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
7:30 p.m.

(Next Meeting, Monday, January 26, 1998)

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new memberships, as well as attendance by residents from all over Foggy Bottom and West End. (Unfortunately, the West End Citizens Association meeting was that day as well, making at least several persons shuttle from the FBA event to the WECA meeting.)

For FBA President Ellie Becker, most satisfying was the obvious congeniality during the whole afternoon—lots of conversation and no one standing or sitting alone. She was told of one resident who encountered, after the party, four persons standing near her apartment chatting like old friends, only to find out they had just met at the event. The goal of the party was to “meet your neighbors”; that goal seems to have been met.

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The polling places in FB/WE are at the West End Library, 24th & L Streets; St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street; and United Church, 20th & G Streets. Voting hours are 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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would be handed down at its meeting on December 3. In the meantime, parties will submit supplemental statements and proposed “findings of fact” language (each party submitting a document containing the Board's order as each would like it to read).

Witnesses testifying on October 15 were Alberto Bastida of the D.C. Office of Planning which approved the university's plan. Testifying in opposition were Bernard Mozer, chair of ANC-2A; James McLeod, Foggy Bottom Association Board member, and Dorothy Miller, an ANC commissioner who spoke for the Columbia Plaza Tenants Association. Their concerns included the lengthy daily hours for the center (7:00 to 1:00 a.m. on weekdays); increased pedestrian and auto traffic generated by the center; the shortage of student housing on campus, causing large numbers of students to move into the FB and displace non-student, tax-paying residents; and the oft-stated fact that the site is designated in the campus plan to be used for support-residential purposes, and there is no residential use.

Following the hearing, GWU Associate Vice Presi-

dent for Business Affairs Al Ingle, Ed.D., was quoted in *Independence Magazine* discussing the university's building plans. Included is the concept of a residence hall, and Ingle indicated it might be built in place of the center. “If we don't put (the center there), that would be the premier location for another residence hall. That seems to be one of the things the community talks about, that it's zoned for residential.”

Penn Avenue Hearing Cancelled

A final design proposal for the permanent closing of Pennsylvania Avenue was pulled from the agenda of the National Capital Planning Commission in November. The National Park Service planned to present its plan for a park, but withdrew it because it had not been approved by appropriation committees of the Congress. D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton is against permanent closing of the avenue; she and other opponents, including FB's Dorothy Miller, made it known that the proposal lacked the requisite Congressional review.

Milk Tax?

By Ann Rollins

Foggy Bottom's 7-Eleven store (912 New Hampshire Ave. NW) has finally relented and stopped charging tax on

small pints of milk. After much agitation, other 7-Eleven stores throughout Washington D.C. have followed suit.

The consumer might ask—“Why make such a Hullabalou about tax on a small pint of milk? Try-illegal-at least, according to the D.C. Revenue Act of 1975, which made amendments to the Sales and the Tax Act regarding food and drink for immediate consumption.

The confusion lies in the switch. First, Finance and Revenue did tax milk pints, and then changed its mind. Now a thick magic marker line crosses out the item, “small cartons of milk” from the list of taxable food items. The bigger problem lies in failing to communicate the change to the vendors.



One puzzles, “Oh, please, why make such an issue over a few cents?” A few cents! More like \$20,000/year in taxes on pints of milk.

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The larger stores Safeway,

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and Giant, comply with the law and do not charge tax on milk pints. So who are the villains? The biggest culprit was

7-Eleven, followed by convenience stores, and the take-out restaurants.

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EMeRG Expands Service to FB

The Emergency Medical Response Group, EMeRG, is a group of qualified emergency response personnel serving GWU and the nearby FB community. It began operation in the fall of 1996 and since that time its members have treated a myriad of patients. Members of the response team are automatically dispatched with the University Police Department officers in response to emergency situations.

The group is a recognized basic life support, first responder agency within the District of Columbia. Jointly sponsored by the Department of Emergency Medicine and the University Police Department, EMeRG's certified medical personnel are members of the GW community who provide quality emergency medical services in a variety of settings, including campus coverage and special events. Crew members are volunteers who have obtained an emergency medical technical or paramedic certification.

The majority of its calls are to various student-related incidents; often, it is reported, the calls are for minor problems resulting from youthful enthusiasms or minor acci-

dents. A example is a call they received from a young woman student who got a large splinter under her index finger nail while moving some furniture in a residence hall. She became alarmed by the blood she saw and the pain she was feeling. Her roommate called the University police to arrange for transport to the GWU Hospital emergency room. EMeRG staff calmed the patient, removed the splinter with ease, and dressed the wound, precluding her visit to the ER.

EMeRG has also been called to assist on the scenes of more serious emergencies. One call crew members continue to talk about occurred one evening near an alley on campus. A student fell to the ground in front of a group of his friends and could not be aroused. Alarmed, one of the friends called for help. When EMeRG arrived at the scene, the student was unresponsive and unconscious. They im-

mediately cared for the patient, providing airway management and oxygen therapy. EMeRG continued to stabilize the patient until the D.C. Fire Department arrived on scene and the patient was transported to the ER.

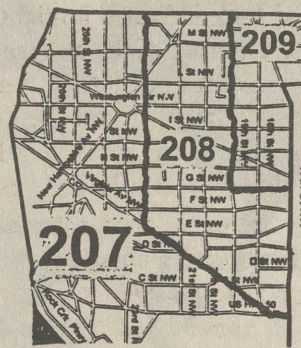
Response team members may enjoy what they do for different reasons, but the common thread is helping others. They are also proud of their rapid response; because of the demand on the D.C. Fire Department, EMeRG can respond to calls much quicker.

EMeRG has recently been able to expand its hours; earlier they were available only on weekend evenings. During the school year their schedule is 3:00 p.m. to 3:00 a.m. every day. They are able to respond to calls within the university campus and to private residences within three blocks of the campus. EMeRG is contacted through the GWU Police Department; its number is 994-6111.

Latest Unofficial Crime Statistics

In October, PSA 207 experienced 3 robberies, 2 assaults, 5 burglaries, 19 thefts, 20 thefts from auto, and 6 stolen autos. All categories except thefts increased slightly in number compared to last month; an auto was stolen from St. Stephen Martyr Church for the second time.

PSA 208 had 4 robberies, 2 assaults, 12 burglaries, 39 thefts, 30 thefts from auto, and 2 stolen autos. There was a decrease in robberies and stolen autos; the other categories increased.



Other Police Activities

Lt. Joseph Trippi and Sgt. Robert Panizari of PSA 207 and Sgt. John Rucker of PSA 208 stopped by the FBA party on November 1, and were able to meet and talk with residents. Lt. Trippi volunteered earlier to work with the GWU students in their November 16 campaign to paint over graffiti and tagging in our area. Also, both Sgt. Panizari and Sgt. Rucker scheduled community/police meetings during November. Sgt. Rucker distributed his



"Just the Facts" to his PSA, including this good advice:

Emergency or Non-Emergency?

If a crime has just occurred or you see suspicious activity or hear someone screaming for help then **CALL 911**.

In all other crime matters where a crime has already occurred and the suspect has left the scene or there is no chance of an immediate arrest, e.g., parking problem, minor traffic accidents. These are all examples of a **NON-EMERGENCY**; call **202-727-1010**.

Never Hesitate to call the Police

Lookout Give as much detail about a suspect as possible

Problem If you have a problem call 202-282-0050.

He also asked for volunteers to help disseminate the new Neighborhood Watch Networking Program information sheets. Interested persons should contact him at 282-0050 or via his voice mail, 727-4932, Box #21410.

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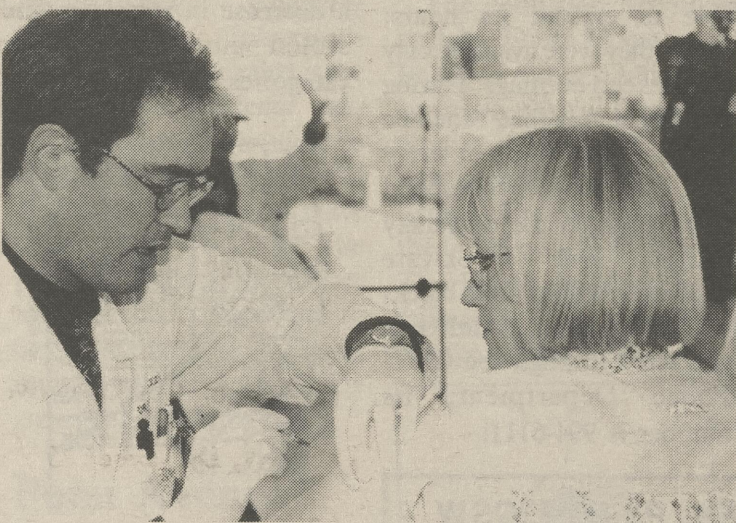
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GWU Flu Shot Day "Oversubscribed"

The George Washington University Medical Center, in cooperation with WTOP and other co-sponsors, went well beyond their goal of providing 1000 free flu shots on October 31. According to Rich James of the Medical Center, they had inoculated 1000 persons by 10:00 a.m. They were able to procure about 700 more doses which kept them going until just before the announced closing hour of 6:00 p.m. "Thanks to WTOP and others, there were 35 persons lined up and ready by 7:00 a.m." when they were scheduled to open, James told the *News*.

The inoculation station was set up in a tent next to the Foggy Bottom Metro stop, and was run by a completely volunteer staff of 62 physicians, residents, medical students and nurses. According to James, statistics show that only 1 in 3 persons get flu shots, and that at least 80% of persons receiving the shots will not experience cases of the flu. The Center is contemplating a followup



of those inoculated at the October event to see what percentage experience flu symptoms.

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The Foggy Bottom Diner

Magic Gourd

By Jim Patterson

If you are in the mood for Chinese food, try the **Magic Gourd**, 528 23rd Street, NW; telephone 466-3995. Virtually hidden away in Potomac Plaza, Magic Gourd, open 11 am to 10 pm Monday through Saturday and 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm on Sunday, is an excellent place for lunch or dinner. During lunch, customers are largely from the nearby State Department. Conversation is abundant and service is brisk.

The spacious restaurant also serves as a lounge and carry-out place. The menu contains all the popular Chinese favorites. Diners may select from 13 appetizers, ranging in price from \$1.10 for egg roll to \$6.25 for coconut shrimp. I enjoyed the cold noodles topped with bean sprouts and peanut and sesame sauces, \$4.25. The soup menu consists of the standards: egg drop, wonton, hot & sour, and a delicious velvet chicken and corn chowder.

Diners may select entrees of poultry, beef, seafood, and pork. Poultry dishes run \$6.25; beef entrees are \$6.55; seafood items are \$7.55; and pork dishes are \$6.05. For vegetarians, there are five entrees, priced at \$5.95, designed to please the palate and the pocketbook. There are also six rice and noodle entrees from which to select, the price range is \$5.75 to \$6.00. The food is better than average, service is excellent, and the prices are certain to be a joy to everyone.

Speaking of Chinese food, there is also **Chen's of Watergate**; telephone 965-4104. The dining area is very small so plan to make a carry-out order. Chen's, open Monday through Saturday 11 am to 9 pm, menu is virtually identical to Magic Gourd, except Chen's prices are much higher.

Cold Weather Safety If You Must Go Outside. . . .

Avoid overexertion. Cold weather itself, without any physical exertion, puts an extra strain on the heart. If you add to this the strain of heavy physical activity such as shoveling snow, pushing an automobile or even walking too fast or too far, you risk damaging your body. If you remain outside for an extended period of time, take a thermos of warm beverage with you.

Dress warmly in loose fitting, layered, lightweight clothing. Outer garments should be tightly woven and water repellent. Wear a hat. Protect your face and cover

your mouth to protect your lungs from very cold air. Wear mittens instead of gloves, they allow your fingers to move freely in contact with one another and will keep your hands much warmer.

Watch for frostbite and other symptoms of cold weather exposure. Frostbite causes a loss of feeling and a white or pale appearance in extremities such as fingers, toes, tip of nose, earlobes. If such symptoms are detected, get medical attention immediately. Do not rub with snow or ice--this does not help the condition, and in fact, will make it worse. The best treatment for frostbite is

rewarming the affected tissue.

Avoid alcoholic beverages. Alcohol causes the body to lose its heat more rapidly--even though one may feel warmer after drinking alcoholic beverages.

Keep yourself and your clothes dry. Change wet socks and all other wet clothing as quickly as possible to prevent loss of body heat. Wet clothing loses all of its insulating value and transmits heat rapidly.

If paralyzed persons or infants must go outside in severe weather, they should be checked frequently for signs of frostbite.



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St. Stephen's Presents Christmas Concerts

The Church of St. Stephen Martyr is presenting two musical events for the Christmas season. On Sunday, December 14 at 3:00 p.m., they will present the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah. The performance will include members of The Washington Opera, the church's Sanctuary Choir, and guests from other musical organizations. Those interested in participating in the concert may contact the parish office at 785-0982. A \$10 donation is requested.

As part of the Christmas Eve celebration, the church will present "An American Christmas Celebration" just prior to Midnight Mass. The concert will feature carols such as "I Wonder As I Wander," "Do You Know What I Know?" and "Go Tell It On The Mountain." In addition to the Sanctuary Choir, members of The Washington Opera and The Brass Mosaic will perform. A traditional Latin Midnight Candlelight Mass will follow.

(Traffic continued from page 1) areas of responsibility. Those areas include traffic operations and safety, parking, streetlights and traffic signals, and signs and marking. She plans to bring a staff member to bring us up to date on the Whitehurst Freeway.

Benefield has been with the D.C. government for 28 years, including 15 with DPW (and its predecessor Department of Transportation). Earlier she was Director of Community Services.

Benefield claims familiarity with Foggy Bottom; she attended high school at Immaculate Conception Academy, formerly located at 24th & K Streets.



Foggy Bottom Rich in Holiday Services

Foggy Bottom's churches provide a rich tapestry of services for the next several weeks, the busiest period of our year for religious observances. Each of the five local churches schedules services for Thanksgiving and for Christmas, as well as offering special holiday events.

The churches and their phone numbers are listed below for your convenience in getting information on their services.



St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 728 23rd Street, N.W.
333-3985

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 2430 K Street, N.W.
337-2020

St. Stephen Martyr (Catholic) Church, 2436 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 785-0982

The United Church (United Methodist and United Church of Christ Congregation), 1920 G Street, N.W.
331-1495 (English and German services)

Western Presbyterian Church, 2401 Virginia Avenue, N.W. 835-8383

Thursday, November 27

St. Stephen: Special Mass of Thanksgiving followed by
11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Dinner for seniors, parishioners and neighbors; no charge for dinner; donations appreciated; call 785-0982 for reservations

Sunday, November 30

St. Paul: Advent Lessons & Carols with St. Paul's
6:00 p.m. Parish Choirs

Sunday, December 21

St. Mary: Sunday School Christmas Program
11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, December 24

St. Mary: Christmas Eve Festive Eucharist with Sermon and Music by the Choir
10:30 p.m.

St. Paul:

6:00 p.m. Lessons & Carols for Children

11:30 p.m. Solemn Procession and Pontifical Mass

St. Stephen:

5:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Mass followed by Christmas Eve Social

11:00 p.m. American Christmas Concert

12:00 mid. Solemn Christmas Latin Mass celebrated by Bishop William E. Lori, V.G.

United: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services with brass

5:00 p.m. German Service

6:00 p.m. Refreshments in the Lounge

6:30 p.m. Brass Prelude

6:45 p.m. English Service

Western:

8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

Thursday, December 25

St. Paul:

7:45 a.m. Christmas Matins

8:00 a.m. Low Mass of the Dawn

10:30 a.m. Solemn Procession & Mass of the Day

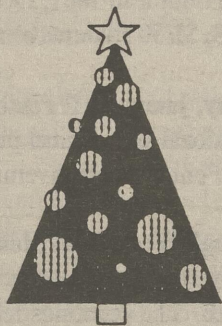
St. Stephen:

9:00 a.m. Christmas Morning Mass

11:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass

1:00 p.m. Christmas Day Mass

5:30 p.m. Christmas Night Mass



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One Step Down Gets New Owner

by W.E. (Trez) Lee
The Westbridge

The new owner and manager of One Step Down is Catherine Stuart, a Foggy Bottom resident and an experienced entertainment booking agent. Stuart has reopened the club following the illness and subsequent death in October of Joseph Herman Cohen, co-owner and manager for many years.



New owner Catherine Stuart is shown above at the seven-hour wake for Joe Cohen.

The legendary jazz club is a local landmark with a national reputation that began in 1963. Located at 2517 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., the cozy, intimate club features a bandstand dead center of a long room sharing space in a mix of seats, tables, booths, a baby grand piano, bar and juke box reputed to hold the best coin-operated jazz collection in the country.

Over its remarkable life, the club has attracted some of the world's best-known musicians, including James Moody, Sonny Stitt, Chet Baker, Cedar Walton, Nat Adderly, Dexter Gordon, Odean Pope and the Modern Jazz Quartet. Local music legends such as Keeter Betts, Buck Hill, Peter Edelman, Butch Warren, Billy Smith, and Lawrence Wheatley have appeared there regularly. For example, Butch Warren, who played there at the club's November 4 jam session, was for many years the regular bassist for pianist Thelonious Monk. He has also recorded with Herbie Hancock, Kenny Burrell, Hank Mobley and Donald Byrd.

After 34 colorful years at the club's helm and behind its famous bar, declining health forced the notoriously dour Joe Cohen to retire early in 1997. After a short struggle under new management, One Step Down closed its doors briefly in August, 1997; however, a Foggy Bottom neighbor, present owner Catherine Stuart, soon reopened the club, and has reinstituted its former low-cost entertainment policy. Currently, One Step Down is open every evening except Sunday and Monday. Free jam sessions are offered Tuesday nights and on Saturday and Sunday afternoons with no cover charge. Details on times and other information may be learned by calling 202-955-7140. Unlike some establishments, a two-drink minimum there can be either alcoholic or non-alcoholic.

Food fare is limited; but the club's new homemade South Carolina pulled barbecue sandwich has won raves from at least one expert on the dish. Prices are reasonable and ser-

vice is quick.



The popular One Step Down free jam sessions have provided a showcase for many aspiring musicians. Some of them are promising young beginners; others are simply talented jazz lovers taking a break from significant other careers in investment banking, government and even the priesthood. For example, former presidential counsel Leonard Garment has played saxophone there. A lengthy story about his recent evening as a "sax-man-in-waiting" at the club is described in a four-page color feature in the November issue of *Capitol Style* magazine.

Garment clearly prefers a night in One Step Down to his tumultuous tenure in the White House. A copy of the magazine and a newspaper story that featured One Step Down in the November 2, 1997 *Washington Post* are both available at the West End Library.

Joe Cohen's passing was marked by what was a most unusual wake for the Foggy Bottom community. On October 8 a collection of family, friends, jazz fans, musicians and Foggy Bottom neighbors gathered at the small club to remember the diminutive man whose scowl and jazz guests were well-known nationally and in Foggy Bottom.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, November 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Karen G. Benefield, Acting Chief, Bureau of Traffic Services, D.C. Department of Public Works. ALL RESIDENTS WELCOME. Wyndham Bristol Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 2: Election Day, City Council At Large Seat. Foggy Bottom/West End polling places are at the West End Library, St. Mary's Court, and United Church. See article elsewhere in this issue. 7:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3: "Last Lecture Series," featuring Dr. Ruth Wallace, a GWU Professor of Sociology. Western Presbyterian Church, 24th & G Streets, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

Through Thursday, December 4: Annual Student Show, Dimock Gallery, lower lobby of Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W. Call 994-1525. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., and during some Lisner performances.

Thursday, December 11-Thursday, January 30: New Media Exhibition, Dimock Gallery, lower lobby of Lisner Auditorium, 21st & H Streets, N.W. Call 994-1525. Tuesday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and during some Lisner performances.

Sunday, December 14: Concert performance of the Christmas portion of "The Messiah" by G.F. Handel, featuring members of The Washington Opera, St. Stephen's Sanctuary Choir and guests from other music organizations. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. \$10 donation requested. 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 17: ANC-2A monthly meeting. Call 659-0011 for date and time.

Thursday, December 18: Gala Christmas Party, featuring refreshments, music and dancing to Eddie McDermott's band; friends and neighbors are invited. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21: Concert by "The Washington Saengerbund." United Church, 20th & G Streets, N.W. Call 331-1495 for information. Offering requested. 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 24: "An American Christmas Celebration," a concert of American Christmas carols, by St. Stephen Sanctuary Choir, members of The Washington Opera, and the Brass Mosaic, preceding a traditional Latin Midnight Candlelight Mass. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 11:00 p.m.

Through Sunday, January 4: Exhibition of paintings by New Zealand artist Peter Waddell of Octagon House and the Tayloe family which built it in 1801. Octagon House, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W. \$3; \$1.50 students/seniors. Tuesday-Sunday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 11: Piano recital, with Guillermo Silveira, featuring traditional and original piano works. St. Stephen Martyr Church, 25th & Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. \$5 donation requested. 3:00 p.m.

Through Wednesday, January 14: Exhibition of recent paintings by Cindy Blair, oil paintings and studies depicting buildings from the South. The paintings feature the industrial architecture of the historic Sloss Furnace in Birmingham, Alabama, as well as nighttime streetscapes. AIA Gallery, 1735 New York Avenue, N.W. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sunday, January 18: National Musical Arts Concert, celebrating the 50th anniversary of the 33-1/3 rpm record, featuring music by John Cage, Maurice Ravel, Alec Wilder and Michael Daugherty. National Academy of Sciences auditorium, 2100 C Street, N.W. 4:00 p.m.

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Tutors Needed for Stevens Students

Thaddeus Stevens Elementary School is looking for tutors for some of its 313 students from pre-kindergarten to the sixth grade. Oliva Bond, a counselor at Stevens, is the person to call if you would like to tutor. Her number is 724-4852.

The school built in 1868 is located in the West End between K and L Streets at 1050 21st Street, NW. As an out-of-bounds school, its students come from all over the city. Readers may remember hearing that the city plans to sell developers the right to build on the property, but that the Stevens school will be incorporated into the new building



and that during construction, the developer will provide a "swing" site for Stevens staff and students. Stevens principal Gloria Henderson noted that the school, in its current form, will remain operating until at least June 1998.

You may be interested in reading "Stevens on Stevens: An Oral History of Stevens School," available at the school. As this booklet notes, Stevens, built six years after slavery was abolished in the District, "was one of the schools built solely from

public funds for the education of 'colored' youths, and is the only one standing and operative today." The school is named after Thaddeus Stevens, who was born in Vermont and who later became a Republican Congressman for Pennsylvania. He was a champion of free schools for all. Stevens' alumni include Amy Carter, who attended the school in the 1970s when her father, Jimmy Carter, was President of the United States.

To get started tutoring, call Ms. Bond. She will have you complete a form that will help her match you to a student in need of a tutor. Perhaps the best time for tutoring is after 3:30 p.m., when the school day ends and the after-school program begins. But don't hesitate to call if you are only

free to offer your time earlier in the day. Again, the number is 724-4852.

American Cancer Society

Volunteer drivers are needed by the Patient Services Division of ACS in D.C., to drive patients who live in D.C. to and from treatment and medical appointments related to cancer. Drivers must have a car, and mileage reimbursement is available. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; drivers arrive according to their own schedules. Call Wilma Scheuren at 202-483-2600. The ACS also needs other types of volunteers (drivers, coordinators, etc.) For information call 202-483-2600.

Rennie Remembers...

The Editor Says Sorry

There's many a slip In the last two issues we have run Rennie's remembrance of her trip to Brooklyn, New York. From one month to the other, however, an interesting section was omitted but is being printed in this month by popular demand—especially for those who want to know the history of the famous Nathan's hot dogs.

A Nathan's Hot Dog, Of Course

Nathan's stand-up restaurant on Coney Island, West Brighton, (at Sheepshead Bay), was opened in 1916 by Nathan Handwerker, a Polish immigrant who worked at Feltman's Dining Gardens/Cafe in West Brighton. At Feltman's, hot dogs were being sold for 10¢ each and featured were then young entertainers Jimmy Durante and Eddie Cantor. These two later-famous/beloved performers encouraged Nathan to establish his own restaurant and charge only 5¢ for the popular hot dog. Nathan did, and his place became more popular because of the cheaper price and, perhaps, became the first fast-food place in America. In 1923, when the subway was extended to Coney Island, droves of New Yorkers went there for Nathan's kosher beef hot dogs and fries. His family developed a chain throughout the nation in 1968. Most of us on the tour purchased a hot dog (\$1.89) and french fries (\$1). However, I did not find the hot dog to be unusual—I hadn't had one for many years. As a child in my hometown of Reading, Pa., I remembered the joy of eating a hot dog at our amusement park, "Carsonia." There it was served with chopped raw onions, mustard and relish rather than only sauteed onions as at Nathan's. Also, Nathan's french fries are very well-done "nuggets," not the long-sliced type served by most restaurants. (As in previous years, Nathan's still lures New Yorkers and tourists visiting Brooklyn.)

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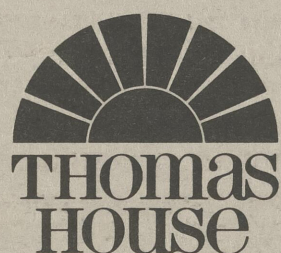
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Jimmy Remembered at F Street Park



Jimmy Molinelli, longtime resident and activist, was remembered by the installation of a plaque in a small park on F Street, very near the home he occupied for many years until his death last year. Part of the inscription reads: "Jimmy was dedicated with pride and loyal determination to help preserve the West End status in the District of Columbia. As a resident for 48 years, his civic endeavors were numerous including President of the West End Citizens Association (1973-1996). He was a visionary leader and a grateful, sincere friend." Very true; we will remember him with affection and admiration.

It's Time to Volunteer

Washington Volunteer Readers for the Blind

A unique service is performed by volunteers of WVRB, based at the Martin Luther King Library. WVRB volunteers record on tape machines printed materials needed by visually handicapped clients, especially publications needed for their schooling or work. The reading can be done at the library and/or using a tape machine at home. WVRB volunteers also read several periodicals onto tapes which are duplicated and distributed to the other regional libraries around the

country. One volunteer commented about how much she learned about a variety of subjects, from parliamentary law (much more interesting than it sounds!), to a novel about life in the black community of Washington, D.C., to registration information for a professional therapeutic massage school. And she commented that "you really know you are helping someone, almost on a one-to-one basis." Learning AND helping—you can't beat it. Call Jim or Bill at WVRB, 727-2142, Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.

The FB Jazzercise group has a new home at Columbia Plaza's Consul building, 24th and Virginia Avenue. Sessions are at 6:45 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays, and 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Come join in at the new digs!

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Foggy Bottom Folks

Our thanks go to retiring *FBNews* deliverer **Jenifer Seals**, who has given up her paper route after 10 these many years. It was an "inherited" position, as she generously took over the duties of her late aunt, who had lived in the Eye Street house before her.

Former FB resident **David Fothergill-Quinlan** was spotted nearby recently, as he returned to take in the bazaar at St. Paul's Church. Not surprisingly, he has kept his hand in at neighborhood publications. He now edits "The Pennsylvania Gazette," which is "dedicated to increasing the awareness of Pennsylvania Residential Unit Owners." He and his wife Winnie left near-to-downtown Foggy Bottom for really-downtown living.

We have a fine advertiser—with an equally fine carpet-cleaning service—by the name of **George Ayoub**. FB residents who have used the service have had only good things to say. And he was nice enough to come by the last FBA meeting to say hello and be said hello to. We were happy to have him join us.

Our 24th Street neighbor, the ANA Hotel, was named a winner of a 1997 Gold Key Award, given for excellence by Meetings & Conventions magazine. General Manager **Hans Bruland** praised his staff for meriting the prestigious award.

The Kennedy Center is host to a myriad of happy occasions, and one such event took place in late October at the Roof Terrace Restaurant. It was the



wedding of **Joan Alper** and **William Becker**, the Center's general counsel. Bill Becker also is in private practice in D.C., and his bride is a marketing consultant for pharmaceutical firms. The ceremony was performed by the groom's cousin, Rabbi Shelley Kovar Becker.

The St. Mary's Court Cable advises that **Margaret Pully**, who used to hang out and work at the Court, reached sunny California, her new home, and specifically the town of Novato. Her trip was interesting with stops in Santa Fe and the Grand Canyon. Now looking for a new job, Margaret reported that she misses her Court and other FB friends and remembers with pleasure the fine farewell party for her at the Court.

Heard about two achievers who make FB their homes. Notice the word "achievers," not "over-achievers," a most overworked expression! One is **Bill Taylor** of Westbridge, who was surprised last month to be chosen "Athlete of the Month" by the Sports Committee of Washington's University Club. The oldest club member to receive the award, his commitment to physical fitness and consistent use of the club's resources (especially the squash program) played major roles in his winning. He also was honored by the D.C. chapter of the Community Associations Institute for his volunteer work on its legislative action committee.

The second achieving per-

son is **James J. Gross** who was elected president of the Metropolitan Washington Chapter of Mensa, the high IQ society. Gross, who resides in the Bottom, is also the managing partner of a law firm in Chevy Chase, Maryland.

Why do things like fires happen to nice people like St. Mary's Episcopal Church's **Lorenzo Smith**? An electrical fire did substantial damage to his home, and he is staying temporarily at Columbia Plaza. While he's closer to work, he is kept hopping "commuting" to his house to oversee repairs AND to care for his dog.

Hugh Grindstaff, former FBA treasurer and Board member, was able to stop by the party with his special friend **Joan**. It was especially good to see her, as she has had more than a couple of sick days in the last year or so, and the word is she is very much on the mend now.

At this time of year, the possibility of the "holiday blues" can appear. (The days are short, nights are long, and pressures of shopping, social activities and the like increase. These plus memories of holidays past, thoughts of family and friends lost, often culminate in sadness and depression. This very well could be helped by our good **Martha Dupecher, Ph.D.**; her office is on Eye Street.

At the last FBA meeting, **Paul Sakwa** solicited help from other volunteers to be a hospitable direction-giving person at the Metro station. He regularly stations himself at the top of the escalator to guide visitors toward the Lincoln, Vietnam and Korean monuments, or the other way to the Kennedy Center or to Georgetown. It is not only a helpful task, but an enjoyable one as well.

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